

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:  
STANLEY HAWKINS ET.AL.

SERIAL NO. : 10/524,446

FILED: FEB. 7, 2003

FOR: Irrigation Connectors

Examiner: to be assigned

Group Art Unit: to be assigned

Petition  
37 CFR 1.47

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

Legal Staff  
International Division

The joint inventor, Wayne M. Miyasato, refuses to join in an application for patent or cannot be found or reached after diligent effort. Pursuant to 35 USC 118 the Assignee, Agricultural Products Inc., also known as Aquarius Brands Inc., hereby makes the application on behalf of the nonsigning inventor, Wayne M. Miyasato.

The oath or declaration signed by the Assignee accompanies this petition which includes proof of the pertinent facts.

A check for the appropriate fee set forth in § 1.17(h) is enclosed.

The last known address of the nonsigning inventor, Wayne M. Miyasato, is:

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Wayne M. Miyasato was an employee of assignee and left employment in 2003.

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The assignee's interest in the invention is evidenced by the executed patent assignment from Wayne M. Miyasato attached as Exhibit 1.

The undersigned in behalf of the assignee undertook a skip trace search for Wayne M. Miyasato and found additional addresses for Wayne M. Miyasato in Torrance, California, and a phone number to which a fax machine was connected. No phone listings for Wayne M. Miyasato in Torrance, California, were existent.


The undersigned sent an inventor's declaration to the fax number listed, 310 3281723, which was received as evidence by the fax receipt attached as Exhibit 2.

The undersigned sent an inventor's declaration to each of the additional addresses found in the skip trace as attached as Exhibit 3.

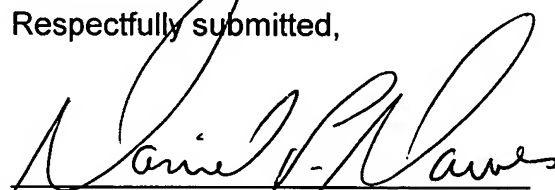
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on August 5, 2005 by

  
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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DOC DATE: 03/18/2003

ASSIGNOR:  
MIYASATO, WAYNE M.

DOC DATE: 03/17/2003

ASSIGNOR:  
MATLOCK, JAMES A.

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ASSIGNEE:  
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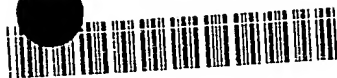
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Stanley E. Hawkins  
Wayne M. Miyasato  
James A. Matlock

Additional names(s) of conveying party(ies)

☐ Yes ☒ No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Agricultural Products, Inc.

Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: 1450 E. Francis St.

City: Ontario State: CA ZIP: 91761

3. Nature of conveyance:

☒ Assignment

☐ Merger

☐ Security Agreement

☐ Change of Name

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Execution Date: March 18, 2003, March 17, 2003

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

4. Application number(s) or patent numbers(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:

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Name: Daniel L. Dawes

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved:

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7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41):.....\$ 40.00

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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Daniel L. Dawes

Name of Person Signing

Signature

May 6, 2003

Date

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**ASSIGNMENT**

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR(S),

Stanley E. Hawkins

hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE, Agricultural Products, Inc., a California corporation, whose business address is 1450 E. Francis St., P.O. Box 3760, Ontario, California 91761, and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE, all of its rights, title and interest for the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries in and to, any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:

**Irrigation Connectors Ready Made According to Demand and Method of Supplying the Same**

and which is found in

- (a) \_\_\_\_ U.S. provisional application filed herewith and listing the above named persons as inventors  
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and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, including the right to claim priority and, in and to, all Letters Patent to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, division, continuation-in-part, extension, conversion to 35 USC 111(a) or substitute thereof, and any reissue, reexamination or extension of said Letters Patent and all under all International Conventions for the Protection of Industrial Property;

ASSIGNOR(S) hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment;

ASSIGNOR(S) further covenants that the ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference, litigation, or proceeding relating thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representative any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue or enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof. An attorney of record is authorized and requested by the execution of this assignment to insert into this assignment the filing date and serial number of said application when officially known.

AND the ASSIGNOR(S) requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States and any reissue or extension thereof to the ASSIGNEE, Agricultural Products, Inc.

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Signature of Inventor(s)

18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003

Stanley E. Hawkins 3/18/03  
Stanley E. Hawkins

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For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR(S),

Wayne M. Miyasato

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17 day of MARCH, 2003

Wayne M. Miyasato  
Wayne M. Miyasato



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For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR(S),

James A. Matlock

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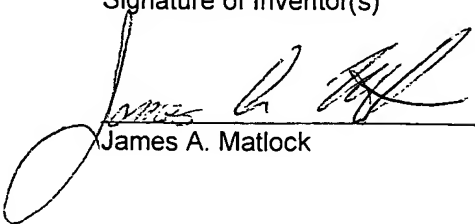
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17 day of MARCH, 2003

  
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**Re: U.S. Patent Application for Irrigation Connectors based on PCT  
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Dear Wayne:

We have been searching high and low for you. Please sign the enclosed declaration and assignment and fax back to our offices immediately. If there is any reason why you refuse to sign, please call and let us know that you will not be signing. Please verify your address, since we have two addresses for you.

Very truly yours,



Daniel L. Dawes

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Docket No.  
AQU1.PAU.01 US

# Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

## English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**IRRIGATION CONNECTORS**

the specification of which

(check one)

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on February 11, 2005 as United States Application No. or PCT International Application Number 10/524,446 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U. S. C. Section 120 of any United States application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C. F. R., Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. *(list name and registration number)*

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Citizenship <b>United States</b>	
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Full name of third inventor, if any <b>Wayne M. Miyasato</b>	
Third inventor's signature	Date
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Fourth inventor's signature	Date
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Fifth inventor's signature	Date
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Full name of sixth inventor, if any	
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# EXHIBIT 3

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August 3, 2005

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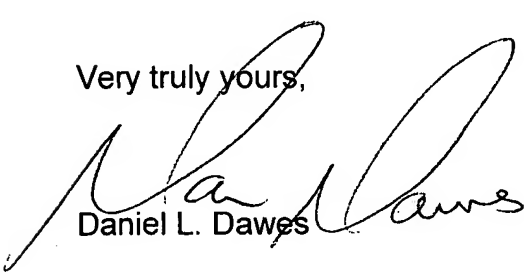
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